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10 October 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Truscott

SUBJECT : Revision of ESCID #5

1. The IAC Ad Hoc Working Group met on 9 October 1957 and considered the draft of ESCID #5 up to and including paragraph 4; the remainder of the paper will be considered at a meeting on 14 October 1957 at 14:14 in the DEI Conference Room. Except as noted below, the preamble and paragraphs 1 through 4 have been approved for IAC consideration:

Para. 1.a. - Army may bring up in the IAC, or during the over-all review of the ESCIDs, a proposal to add the following words at the end of this sub-paragraph: "usually through the use of agent personnel."

Para. 1.b. - Agreed to delete the word "counterespionage" and the words "As an activity" from line six of this sub-paragraph.

Para. 2 - Agreed to change the word "and" to "through" in the first line.

Para. 2.d. - Agreed to add words desired by OSO/CSD, i.e.:

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Para. 3 - Agreed to add the words, "except when the provisions of paragraph 8 apply," after the word "responsibility" in the second line.

For clarity the first 15 words of this paragraph will be deleted and the following words substituted: "The Central Intelligence Agency is the national clandestine service of the United States and has."

The military services reserve on the first line of this paragraph and may raise the issue in the IAC.

Para. 3.d. - Air may comment on this sub-paragraph in the IAC - it was agreed that the matter will be spelled out in detail in a DCID.

COMMENT - Para. 2 - With respect to the changes made in this paragraph, I do not believe that the revised text will accurately reflect the full measure of the Director's responsibility- I do not believe it is the intent of the Killian Board or the President, to limit the DCI's responsibility to the field coordination - he must recommend all necessary measures to achieve the desired "centralized

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direction" and if they are approved by the IAC they issue as DCID's and are directives which are just as binding on the military services as on anyone else. Para. 4 of NSCID #1, which has been tentatively approved by the IAC, provides that the DCI shall "act for the Council" by issuing supplementary DCID's as may be required.

Para. 3 - In view of the military service reaction to the first line of this paragraph, I believe its importance has been emphasized. In addition, the old NSCID #5 gave CIA practically 100% exclusivity in the field of both espionage and counter-espionage so that it was obviously the "national" and the only clandestine service in the U. S.; the revised #5 will change our position to one of having "primary responsibility" in the field, therefor, I believe the status of CIA as the "national clandestine service" should be estimated by the NSC in perfectly clear language.

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